

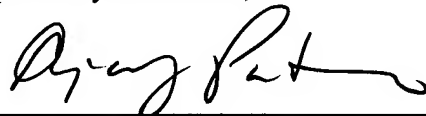
**REMARKS**

In view of the new fee schedule that went into effect on December 8, 2004, Applicants find it necessary to cancel claims to minimize the claims fees. Accordingly, of the original claims 1-204, Applicants now cancel claims 6-7, 9-11, 13-14, 18-19, 21-22, 24-25, 27-30, 32-33, 35-36, 38-39, 41-42, 44-50, 52-53, and 55-204. Accordingly, remaining claims 1-5, 8, 12, 15-17, 20, 23, 26, 31, 34, 37, 40, 43, 51, and 54 (1 independent claim, 19 dependent claims for a total of 20 claims) are now pending in this application.

Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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